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SUBJECT: REVISION OF MINIMUM SHIPMENTS PROCEDURES

REFS: A) COCOM DOCS PROC (75) 3 AND 4

B) COCOM DOC PROC (75) 6

1. WE CALL ATTENTION TO FACT THAT UPWARD REVISION OF MINIMUM SHIPMENTS VALUE LIMITS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT COCOM REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16. AT THAT TIME THE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE UP NOT ONLY THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL FOR 50 PERCENT INCREASE (REF A), BUT ALSO A UK PROPOSAL SUBMITTED IN REF. B, POUCHED TO WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 3.

2. UK PROPOSAL DEALS NOT ONLY WITH UPWARD REVISION OF LIMITS, BUT ALSO WITH ANOMALY ARISING FROM FACT THAT PARAGRAPH 8 (A) OF EXCEPTIONS PROCEDURE DOES NOT APPLY TO IL'S 1548, 1555, 1559 AND 1781, WHEREAS 8 (B) APPEARS TO APPLY WITHOUT EXCEPTION TO ALL ITEMS. UK WOULD ELIMINATE IL 1781 FROM EXCLUSIONS IN 8 (A); AMEND 8 (B) TO APPLY ONLY TO IL'S 1548, 1555, AND 1559 AND RAISE LIMIT TO \$3,300; AND ADD A NEW 8 (C) WITH FOLLOWING TEXT: "GOVERNMENTS MAY AUTHORIZE EXPORTS EXCEEDING \$825 BUT NOT EXCEEDING \$3,300 PROVIDED THEY FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE SET FORTH IN 8 (B)." FINALLY IT WOULD DELETE PARAGRAPH

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11 (C) AS SUPERFLUOUS. DELETION OF IL 1781 FROM EXCLU-

SIONS IN 8 (A) IS PROPOSED ON GROUND POLYPHENYL ETHER  
IS NOT EASILY REPRODUCIBLE EVEN IF SUBJECTED TO CHEMICAL  
ANALYSIS. THROUGH APPARENT OVERSIGHT, UK DOES NOT  
SUGGEST RAISING 8 (A) LIMIT TO \$825, ALTHOUGH THAT WOULD  
SEEM LOGICAL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS ON BELGIAN AND UK  
PROPOSALS OR COUNTER PROPOSAL OF OUR OWN NOT LATER  
THAN SEPTEMBER 16.  
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